

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Transportation/Public Facilities Measurement Standards & Comm Vehicle Enforcement Budget Request Unit Budget Summary

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BRU Mission

The mission of the Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement is to provide public protection and preservation of the state's transportation infrastructure by enforcing federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements in the truck size, weight and safety enforcement program, and the weights and measures program.

BRU Services Provided

- Commercial Vehicle Size, Weight and Safety program
- Weights and Measures program
- Metrology Laboratory
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BRU Goals and Strategies

To provide protection for the motoring public;
To provide equity in the marketplace by creating a level playing field;
Maintain confidence in the accuracy of commercial marketplace measurements; &
To protect the State's investment in infrastructure.

Key BRU Issues for FY2002 – 2003

see component

Major BRU Accomplishments in 2001

see component

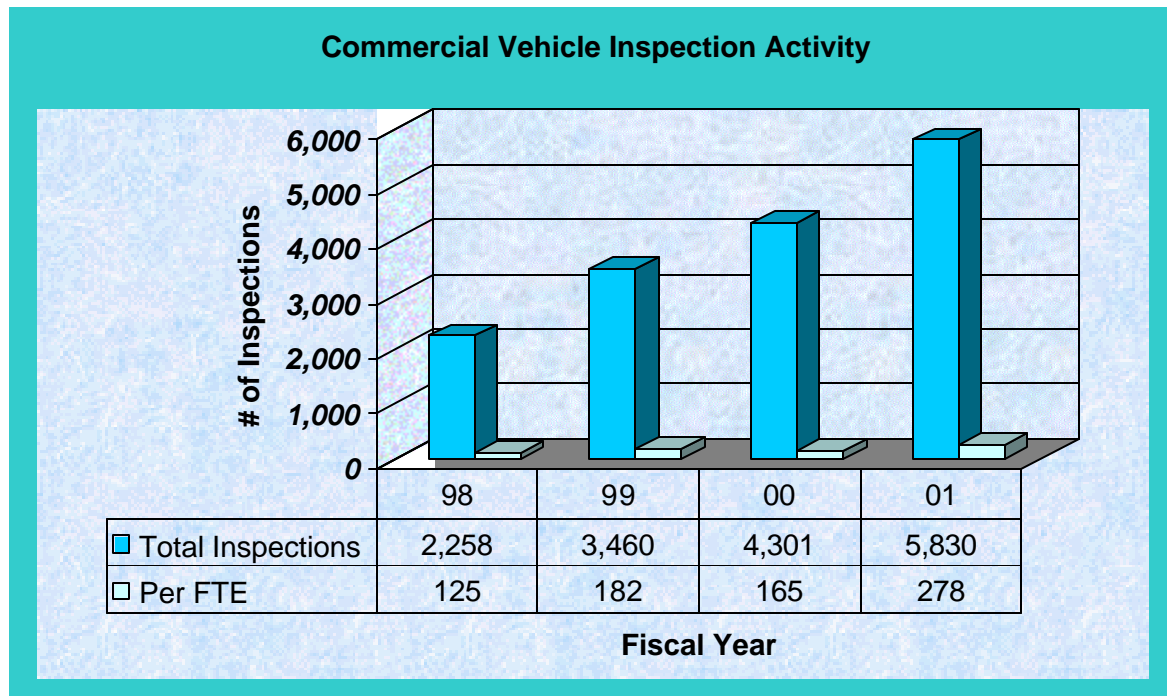
Key Performance Measures for FY2003

Measure:

Safety inspections per full-time equivalent employee of the division.
Sec 148(b)(1) Ch 90 SLA 2001(HB 250)

Alaska's Target & Progress:

During FY2001 actual performance was 278 inspections per full-time-equivalent employee of the division compared to 165 per full-time-equivalent employee in FY00. The Division completed 5,830 inspections during FY2001.



Benchmark Comparisons:

To date, there is no established national standard for this performance measure, although, the Department's goal is to reach 8,000 - 10,000 inspections per year.

Background and Strategies:

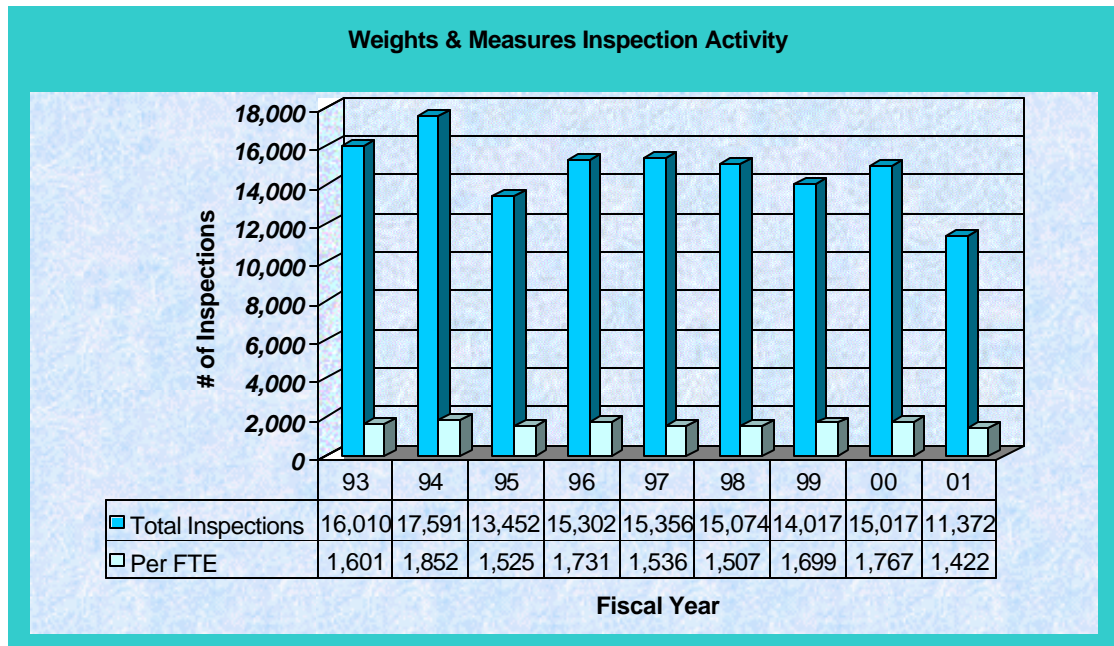
The division anticipates further efficiencies through streamlining the inspection process by implementing electronic inspection reporting at the field level. Two laptops were deployed in September to test this new electronic reporting system and five more were deployed throughout the fiscal year. In addition nine out of the ten fixed weigh stations are now testing this new electronic inspection reporting system. During FY01 six employees were trained in motorcoach safety inspection, five in compliance review, five in hazardous materials, three in motor carrier safety grants management and five on the Safetynet program.

Measure:

Weighing and measuring device inspections conducted per full-time equivalent employee of the division.
Sec 148(b)(2) Ch 90 SLA 2001(HB 250)

Alaska's Target & Progress:

During FY2001, there were a total of 11,372 weighing and measuring devices inspected for a total of 1,422 inspection conducted per full-time-equivalent employee of the division compared to 1,767 inspections conducted per full-time-equivalent employee in FY00.



Benchmark Comparisons:

To date, there is no established national standard for this performance measure. Although, the Department's goal is to maintain a level of 16,000 inspections per year based upon a 0% vacancy factor.

Background and Strategies:

The predominant factor influencing this measure is the number of available inspection hours. We expect to enhance our productivity by utilizing a new Weights & Measures software program, reducing the need for redundant data entry. This productivity enhancement should enable us to achieve 1,600 inspections per full-time-equivalent employee of the division.

Measurement Standards & Comm Vehicle Enforcement

BRU Financial Summary by Component

All dollars in thousands

| | FY2001 Actuals | | | | FY2002 Authorized | | | | FY2003 Governor | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | General Funds | Federal Funds | Other Funds | Total Funds | General Funds | Federal Funds | Other Funds | Total Funds | General Funds | Federal Funds | Other Funds | Total Funds |
| <u>Formula</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| None. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Non-Formula</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Measurement Standards | 1,941.8 | 0.0 | 2,090.2 | 4,032.0 | 2,005.0 | 0.0 | 2,629.5 | 4,634.5 | 2,044.8 | 0.0 | 2,891.7 | 4,936.5 |
| DOT State Facilities Rent | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.4 |
| Totals | 1,941.8 | 0.0 | 2,101.6 | 4,043.4 | 2,016.4 | 0.0 | 2,629.5 | 4,645.9 | 2,056.2 | 0.0 | 2,891.7 | 4,947.9 |

Measurement Standards & Comm Vehicle Enforcement**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003**

The Division proposes changes in the level of service by the following:

- Hire one new Long Term, Non Permanent Microcomputer Network Technician II to assist the division Information Technology staff in providing support for training, implementation, upgrades and maintenance on present IT systems and networks as well as information technology systems the division is now beginning to implement.
- Metrology Laboratory personnel will travel to remote locations to test and certify field standard liquid provers.
- Certified standards are required for Weights & Measures Inspectors to test remote location fuel meters.
- Provide for the ongoing ability to maintain and repair hardware and software utilized by outlying weigh stations as well as to maintain the network connectivity necessary to exchange and update commercial vehicle data with headquarters and other weigh stations required by federal commercial vehicle program guidelines.
- Weights & Measures Inspectors will utilize a new database and data communications program which offers data centralization features that will enhance and harmonize enforcement efforts.
- A new Data/DSL connection will be installed in our Juneau office to eliminate the costly dial-up connection which is very unreliable with frequent disconnects to the user.
- Allow for a recertification program of test weights and equipment in the outlying locations by establishing a pre-determined schedule.
- Provide for a regularly scheduled preventative maintenance contract on all static scales at weigh stations throughout the state.

Measurement Standards & Comm Vehicle Enforcement**Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component****From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor**

All dollars in thousands

| | <u>General Funds</u> | <u>Federal Funds</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FY2002 Authorized | 2,016.4 | 0.0 | 2,629.5 | 4,645.9 |
| Adjustments which will continue current level of service: | | | | |
| -Measurement Standards | 39.8 | 0.0 | 62.2 | 102.0 |
| Proposed budget increases: | | | | |
| -Measurement Standards | 0.0 | 0.0 | 200.0 | 200.0 |
| FY2003 Governor | 2,056.2 | 0.0 | 2,891.7 | 4,947.9 |